



1 April 2025

Tēnā koe

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your email of 5 March 2025, requesting information about the Housing Register for Welcome Bay, Hairini, Ohauiti and Maungatapu.

I have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). Please find my decision set out below.

I would like to know the number of people from Welcome Bay, Hairini, Ohauiti and Maungatapu who are currently on the Housing Register by:

- *65+ years of age individuals and as a couple*
- *Families who require 2,3,4 or 5 bedrooms*
- *Individuals with a physical disability who require disabled access*

Marley Phillips advised me that he contacted you on 25 March 2025 and indicated that the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) may be able to provide you with a breakdown using postcode 3112 rather than using the standard reporting of Territorial Local Authority (TLA).

Unfortunately, after further consultation with the Ministry's data team, I am now advised that the Ministry cannot provide standard reporting at a level below TLA.

Therefore, your request for this information is refused under section 18(f) of the Act, as substantial manual collation would be required to collate this information at postcode level. If held, this information would be in individual client files, which would require each file to be manually reviewed to find and collate the information needed to respond to your request. The greater public interest is in the effective and efficient administration of the public service.

I have considered whether the Ministry would be able to respond to your request given extra time, or the ability to charge for the information requested. I have concluded that, in either case, the Ministry's ability to undertake its work would still be prejudiced.

However, the attached **Appendix**, contains information on primary applicants registered for social housing within the Tauranga City Territorial Authority (TLA) as at the end of December 2024.

Marley did advise me that the TLA level data may not be sufficient for your purpose behind making this request. I apologise that we are not able to provide

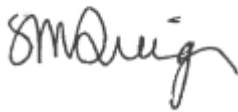
you with information to the level of detail you have asked, and for any confusion or inconvenience this may cause.

I will be publishing this decision letter, with your personal details deleted, on the Ministry's website in due course.

If you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact OIA_Requests@msd.govt.nz.

If you are not satisfied with my decision on your request, you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or 0800 802 602.

Ngā mihi nui

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